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## Message from the Dean



**Prof Chika Sehoole**  
Dean: Faculty of Education

### Dear prospective students

I would like to welcome you to the Faculty of Education. My vision for the Faculty is to make it the Faculty of Choice—a place where staff and students can fulfil their career aspirations.

We are located on the beautiful Groenkloof Campus, which is home to more than 3 500 Bachelor of Education students. Approximately 800 of them graduate and enter the teaching profession on an annual basis.

The Faculty of Education is ranked among the top 300 in the world. The Faculty is internationally recognised for its academic standards and its research citations.

Our programmes are strengthened by our partnerships with other departments and faculties within the University of Pretoria.

Students are strongly encouraged to pursue their honours, master's and PhD qualifications as soon as they obtain their undergraduate qualification. It is gratifying to know that as soon as our students graduate, they are offered employment in school.

Our facilities are world-class and the infrastructure we have supports our vision of excellence in teaching and learning. Students are taken seriously and they will find that we offer a supportive environment in which they can pursue their professional and personal dreams as they prepare to step into the workplace with competence and professionalism anywhere in the world.

In the pursuit of teaching excellence, the Faculty supports the University's hybrid teaching and learning model, which offers an optimal blend of face-to-face and virtual (or online) learning opportunities to students. This model offers a range of virtual learning tools and products, which includes YouTube videos, mobile apps and narrated PowerPoint presentations.

The Faculty produces quality teachers who are technologically literate and are able to respond to the rapidly changing teaching environments in diverse schools. The aim of the FLY@UP campaign is to ensure that students take responsibility for completing their degrees in the minimum period indicated for each programme. FLY stands for 'the Finish Line is Yours'.

The BEd degree is the best option for those who want to be fully qualified, professionally registered teachers. If you are passionate about teaching, consider one of the following programmes:

- Foundation Phase [Pre-primary to Grade 3]
- Intermediate Phase Teaching [Grades 4 to 6]
- Senior and Further Education and Training Teaching [Grades 7 to 12]

The Foundation Phase is perfect for the teacher who enjoys being with little children; a teacher who wants to help to develop children in these formative years. The Intermediate Phase teacher specialises in specific subjects and is able to address the developmental and remedial needs of a child while the Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching qualification offers a teacher accreditation in the widest range of school subjects.

From their second year onwards, education students obtain practical teaching experiences in the schools around Pretoria. In their fourth year, they spend fourteen weeks at diverse schools.

Teachers graduating from the University of Pretoria are employed even before they complete their degrees or within the first six months of completion of their studies. The reason for this is that our graduates are well prepared professionally and have in-depth subject knowledge. Our students are adaptable and have the knowledge and ability to cope with changing curricula and societal needs; they are also highly creative and confident.

**I hope that the Faculty of Education at the University of Pretoria will be your Faculty of Choice. If you have a passion for learning and wish to enter the teaching profession, my staff and I are committed to ensuring that you are able to pursue your dreams to obtain an excellent qualification—one that will lead to a rewarding career.**

Again, a warm welcome to the Faculty of Education and I wish you a great and memorable time throughout your years of study here.

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1. Students appreciate the beautiful Groenkloof Campus 2. Students receive assistance in the Education Library 3. Staff, students and learners at the #ChooseUP event 4. Discussion session 5. Computer laboratory 6. Liliim residence at the #ChooseUP event 7. Students relax between lectures on our beautiful campus 8. Group work

## Undergraduate programmes

### Important information on undergraduate programmes for 2020

- The following persons will be considered for admission: candidates who are in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; candidates who are graduates from another tertiary institution or have been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Prospective students with an APS of 26-27 must write the National Benchmark Test (NBT). Final admission is determined by the Admissions Committee of the Faculty and is based on the results of the NBT.
- As soon as candidates are admitted to the BEd degree, they will be informed that they must register at the University in January of the following year. It is in the interest of prospective students to apply as soon as possible, particularly in respect of financial support and/or residence placement.

University of Pretoria website

[www.up.ac.za/education](http://www.up.ac.za/education)

National Benchmark Test website

[www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za)

Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2020		
	Achievement level*		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language		
	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
<b>BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching)</b> [Pre-primary to Grade 3] [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September, Non-SA – 31 August	4	D	28 (26–27 admission based on the NBT)
<b>Careers:</b> Teachers and training officials in pre-primary or primary schools			
<b>BEd (Intermediate Phase Teaching)</b> [Grades 4 to 6] [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September, Non-SA – 31 August	4	D	28 (26–27 admission based on the NBT)
<b>Careers:</b> Teachers and training officials in primary schools			
<b>BEd (Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching)</b> [Grades 7 to 12] [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September, Non-SA – 31 August  An additional subject requirement for elective modules in <b>economic and management sciences</b> is Mathematics, passed with an achievement level of 4 (50%–59%) in Grade 12.  Additional subject requirements for elective modules in <b>natural sciences</b> are Physical Science, passed with an achievement level of 5 (60%–69%), and Mathematics passed with an achievement level of 5 (60%–69%) in Grade 12.	4	D	28 (26–27 admission based on the NBT)
<b>Careers:</b> Teachers and training officials in primary or secondary schools			
<b>Higher Certificate in Sports Science Education</b> [1 year] Closing dates: SA – 30 September, Non-SA – 31 August	4	D	20
<b>Selection process:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants who indicate Higher Certificate in Sports Science Education as first or second choice will be considered.</li> <li>All applicants will be considered by the Student Administration of the Faculty based on the admission requirements.</li> <li>Applicants that meet the academic requirements will then be further considered in collaboration with TuksSport for the different sports codes according to their sport achievements.</li> <li>Students who have been nominated by an official sports club of the University will receive first option for selection.</li> <li>Selection is also based on the Grade 12 sporting achievements.</li> <li>Candidates who do not have bachelor's study endorsement may be admitted to the BEd degree on successful completion of the Higher Certificate in Sports Science Education subject to Senate discretionary approval. (More information on selection in this programme is available on page 4 of this brochure).</li> <li>Selection to this programme is restricted to students endorsed by TuksSport only.</li> </ul> <b>Careers:</b> Sports coaching, sports and exercise industry			

\* Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission.

The Faculty of Education at the University of Pretoria continues to develop into one of the largest and most diverse units in South Africa for the initial and advanced training of education professionals from across the world. A distinguishing characteristic of the Faculty is that it not only trains pre-service teachers, but also educational psychologists, principals, researchers, programme evaluators, curriculum designers, computer education and training experts, assessment specialists, education policy analysts, community development workers and education law advisors working in national and international agencies and organisations.

## Undergraduate programmes

### Purpose of the Bachelor of Education degree

The purpose of the qualification is to produce teachers who are competent to teach in the particular phase as further specified by the respective qualifiers.

### Preparation for a career in education

The future of South Africa lies in the education of its people. A career in education is not only challenging and rewarding, but also crucial for the growth and development of the nation. In order to prepare teachers, educational psychologists, managers and policy-makers for this huge challenge, the Faculty of Education at the University of Pretoria offers qualifications that are both innovative and relevant. Students are equipped to face new challenges when practising the profession. Few careers are as rewarding as education, and there is no better place to embark on your future career than at the Faculty of Education at the University of Pretoria. Exciting undergraduate programmes for teacher training are offered.

### Bachelor of Education (BEd) programmes and modules

#### Fundamental modules for all programmes

- Academic information management
- Literacies in education

#### BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching) [Pre-primary to Grade 3]

##### Core modules

- Education
- Foundation phase studies
- Learning support
- Life skills modules
- Literacy modules
- Foundation phase mathematics
- Research methodology
- Teaching practice

##### Elective modules

One language elective up to second-year level

- isiZulu
- Sepedi
- isiNdebele
- Setswana

#### BEd (Intermediate Phase Teaching) [Grades 4 to 6]

##### Core modules

- Education
- Learning support
- Professional studies
- Research methodology
- Teaching practice
- Conversational competence in an African language

##### Elective modules

One language elective up to second-year level

- One of four African languages/English/Afrikaans
- Mathematics (achievement level of at least 4 in Grade 12 required)
- Geography/History
- Art education
- Music education
- Natural science and technology
- Life orientation and human movement studies

#### BEd (Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching) [Grades 7 to 12]

##### Core modules

- Education
- Professional studies
- Research methodology
- Teaching practice
- Conversational competence in an African language

##### Elective modules

- One of four African languages/English/Afrikaans
- Mathematics (achievement level of at least 5 in Grade 12 required)
- Geography
- History
- Engineering graphics and design
- Art education
- Music education
- Life orientation and human movement studies
- Heritage and cultural tourism
- Business management

#### Grade 12 subject requirements for elective modules

##### Elective modules for the following packages

###### Economic and Management Sciences

- Statistics\*
- Business management
- Heritage and cultural tourism
- Financial accounting\*
- Economics\*

###### \*Additional Grade 12 subject requirements for elective modules in economic and management sciences:

Mathematics passed in Grade 12 with an achievement level of 4 (50-59%).

##### Elective modules for the following packages

###### Natural Sciences

- Physics\*
- Chemistry\*
- Botany\*
- Zoology\*
- Mathematics\*

###### \*Additional Grade 12 subject requirements for elective modules in natural sciences:

Mathematics passed in Grade 12 with an achievement level of 5 (60-69%), and Physical Science passed in Grade 12 with an achievement level of 5 (60-69%).

## Undergraduate programmes

### Higher Certificate in Sports Science Education

The Higher Certificate in Sports Science Education is presented over one year, full-time.

The programme provides a basis for knowledge and skills development to improve athlete performance by means of physical assessment, exercise and conditioning prescription. The programme incorporates lectures, tutorials, research and practical sessions. Students receive teaching and training by leaders in the field of sports science and coaching. Students will be provided with opportunities toward practical training on the application of sports coaching and sports science principles learnt in their theoretical lessons.

#### Selection

Selection for this programme is restricted to TuksSport-endorsed students only.

TuksSport Club prioritisation pertains to:

- priority clubs;
- individual specialised clubs; and
- recreational clubs.

Criteria considered/endorsed by TuksSport for selection for the Higher Certificate include:

- potential to contribute positively to team performance at the USSA Student National Championships;
- participation in the Varsity Sport SA competitions in a specific sporting code (in which UP competes);
- scarcity of athletes in the club for specific events or playing positions, for example the need for a sprinter, 400 m hurdler, goalkeeper, backstroke swimmer or a wicketkeeper;
- projected long-term athlete involvement in the specific club;
- current position on the international rankings;

- ability to qualify for international competitions;
- current position on sport-specific SA Senior rankings;
- current position on sport-specific SA Junior rankings; and
- an updated, detailed curriculum vitae.

It is the prerogative of the University and the Faculty of Education to select students on the recommendation of the club, in collaboration with the Director of TuksSport with regard to the aforementioned.

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